

Who can file abuse charges?

Anyone. Any suspected abuse should be reported to any Grove City Police Officer. This can be anonymous, in person or over the phone.

Additional Contact Information:

Grove City Division of Police

3360 Park Street

Grove City, Ohio 43123

277-1710....Non-Emergency

911....Emergency

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Franklin County Children's Services

855 West Mound Street

275-2571

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Crisis Center

525 East Mound Street

Hotline: 229-7000

Walk-In: 24/7

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Child Advocacy Center

655 Livingston Avenue

722-8200

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National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

Hotline: 1-800-THE-LOST

www.ncmec.org



New! Now you can find out information on criminal activity in Grove City or in your own neighborhood. Information on reported crimes over the past 30 days is available by clicking on the Crime Mapping link at police.grovecityohio.gov.



"The mission of the Grove City Division of Police is to serve and protect all by providing professional law enforcement services in partnership with the community."

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Chief G. Joseph Wise



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Four children die every day as a result of abuse.

(Source: childhelp.org)

In 2006, more than three-quarters (78.0%) of child fatality victims were younger than 4 years.

(Source: acf.hhs.gov)

What is child abuse?

Child abuse is non-accidental physical injury and assault, sexual abuse, and/or emotional injury of a child. Examples may include the following:

Child Neglect:

- Failure to provide even minimal care of a child.
- Failure to provide adequate:
 - Food, clothing, shelter, medical care
- Failure to provide for a child's emotional, social, intellectual, and moral needs.

Physical Abuse:

- Shaking a baby
- Excessive corporal punishment
- Bruises from abuse

- Broken bones
- Burns
- Organ damage
- Death

Emotional Abuse:

- Screaming at a child
- Calling names
- Criticisms and put-downs
- Making fun
- Unfavorable comparisons of a child
- Refusal to talk to or listen to a child

Sexual Abuse:

- Suggestive language
- Pornography
- Fondling
- Petting
- Masturbation
- Exhibitionism
- Voyeurism
- Oral sex
- Vaginal or anal intercourse

Could child abuse affect me or someone I know?

Child abuse affects all economic and educational levels, all ethnic and racial backgrounds, and all religious groups. Every child must receive watchful care.

How can I tell if my child has been sexually abused?

Some common signs include:

- Bedwetting
- Nightmares
- Lack of concentration
- Dramatic change in personality
- "Clingy" behavior
- Insistent dislike for someone they're left alone with, such as a babysitter or family member.

What can I do if I suspect a child has been abused?

Abused children are not only attacked and hurt, but they are deeply scarred emotionally by the rage and hatred directed against them.

Counseling is a good first step. This may include the following:

- School counselors
- Private counselors
- Hospitals
- Franklin County Children's Services
- Clergy

Additional resources are provided upon request:

- Videos
- Child's book on sexual abuse, "Am I the only one?"